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The Proposal will fulfill community needs in East Boston by providing support to immigrant families, child day care, after school youth development programs, multicultural arts programs and adult education up to the Associate Degree level.

The Proposal involves only non-profits so all resources will go to benefit the East Boston community rather than some part of them being diverted for private profit.

This proposal will maintain the historic character of the former library and keep its traditional appearance.

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Sincerely yours,


Jack Cradock
President Emeritus



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Manuel Lopes
President and Chief Executive Officer